

## **CDC announces release of \$373 million in ARRA funds for Chronic Disease Prevention in Communities**

CDC is pleased to announce the release of \$373 million from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to fund the first part of a new \$650 million public health initiative, Communities Putting Prevention to Work. This initiative will put money into the hands of communities, states, and territories with the goals of reducing risk factors for chronic diseases and promoting wellness.

The initial \$373 million will support grants which will be awarded through a competitive selection process to communities to support evidence-based prevention strategies for youths and adults and to promote partnerships across communities and sectors.

Funded projects will emphasize high-impact, broad-reaching policy, environmental, and systems changes in schools (K-12), communities, and states. For example, states and communities will be encouraged to get comprehensive smoking bans into place and to provide quality physical education in the nation's schools. Every funded community and state will work to make snack foods and sugar sweetened beverages less available in schools and other community sites and to use media to promote healthy choices.

Approximately 30-40 community awardees will be selected for the Communities Putting Prevention to Work Initiative. Eligible entities include: large cities (population > 1 million), urban areas (population > 500,000, but less than 1 million), tribal communities, and State-coordinated small cities and rural areas (populations of up to 500,000 people).

Awards for both categories will vary with size of jurisdiction and the needs of communities. Potential approximate ranges are:

### Category A: Obesity/Physical Activity/Nutrition

Large city applicants: \$10 million – \$20 million Urban area applicants: \$4 million – \$10 million Tribal applicants: \$500,000 – \$1.2 million State coordinated small city and rural area applicants: \$3 million - \$8 million

### Category B: Tobacco Prevention and Control

Large city applicants: \$10 million – \$20 million  
Urban area applicants: \$4 million – \$10 million  
Tribal applicants: \$500,000 – \$1.2 million  
State coordinated small city and rural area applicants: \$3 million - \$8 million

Eligible applicants will be asked to propose activities in Category A or Category B or both. If applying for both categories, a separate application must be submitted for each category. A letter of intent from communities is highly recommended. Funded entities will have two years to complete their work.

Communities that wish to apply for awards can find more information at [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov). The application deadline for the community projects is December 1, 2009.

An additional \$277 million will be made available in the coming weeks to states, territories, and other organizations and networks to support and extend the reach and impact of the community projects.

The deadlines for the state, territory, and other prevention projects that are part of the Communities Putting Prevention to Work initiative will be announced soon.

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